

SWEPT BY GALE FLAMES BURST FORTH AFRESH; HOSPITALS THREATENED

RICHMOND WILL HELP PROMPTLY

A Mass Meeting of the Citizens Last Night. Strong Committee.

GOVERNOR ASKS EVERY ONE TO GIVE

Collections Will Be Taken Tomorrow in the Churches, and at All Meetings Next Week. of Fraternal Orders. Contributions Already Coming.

Richmond is taking a leading part among Southern communities in their efforts to send relief to the sorely stricken people of San Francisco. A mass-meeting of citizens was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. hall, when a committee of twenty-five citizens was appointed to solicit contributions. Mayor McCarthy received a considerable sum of money yesterday which will be turned over today to Mr. W. M. Hill, treasurer of the Citizens' Committee, and many other contributions have been made which will be forwarded at once to swell the relief fund of the sufferers. Knights of Columbus, Richmond Council, has appropriated \$100 and other orders will take prompt and likewise generous action.

Governor Swanson has issued a proclamation calling upon the people through the churches and benevolent orders to give promptly and liberally, and the spirit of the people is faithfully interpreted by the generous action of Calvary Baptist Church, which last night at a meeting held for another purpose, took up a collection for San Francisco, raising between \$25 and \$50.

Churches of every denomination will almost certainly take collections tomorrow for the relief fund and a vast sum of money is likely to be realized. The Board of Aldermen of Richmond will meet Monday night in special session, called by the president, to take such action as may seem proper. The Citizens Council will be called probably for Tuesday night for the purpose of concurring in any step taken by the board.

The Retail Merchants' Association of Norfolk has voted an expression of sympathy and an offer of material aid. The Richmond Chamber of Commerce has taken similar action.

Last Night's Meeting. Among the citizens present at the mass meeting of last night were:

Governor Swanson, Mayor McCarthy, Col. J. Lane Stern, Col. Geo. Wayne Anderson, Mr. Henry S. Hutzler, Mr. D. C. O'Flaherty, Hon. Marx Gunst, Dr. McGuire, Newton, Mr. O. A. Hawkins, Mr. Henry Watkins, Mr. Chamberlayne, Mr. Geo. Minter, Professor Mitchell, Mr. Wm. Ruess, Mr. E. A. Barbe, Mr. Moses Thallinger, Mr. E. D. Taylor, and Henry Lee Valentine.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor McCarthy, who, on motion of Col. J. Lane Stern, was unanimously elected chairman. Mr. O. A. Hawkins was then elected secretary.

Mayor McCarthy reported that he had yesterday received \$200 for the relief of the sufferers at San Francisco and that \$300.00 of the amount had been sent by Messrs. Branch, Cabell & Co.

A motion was made and adopted providing for the appointment of a committee of not less than twenty-five citizens to solicit funds, to be forwarded to the proper relief committee at San Francisco, the committee to be appointed by the Mayor, as chairman. On motion, the Mayor was made chairman of the relief committee when appointed.

The officers of the Floral Bazaar appeared at the meeting and stated that the net proceeds of the bazaar on Tuesday evening next would be donated to the San Francisco fund.

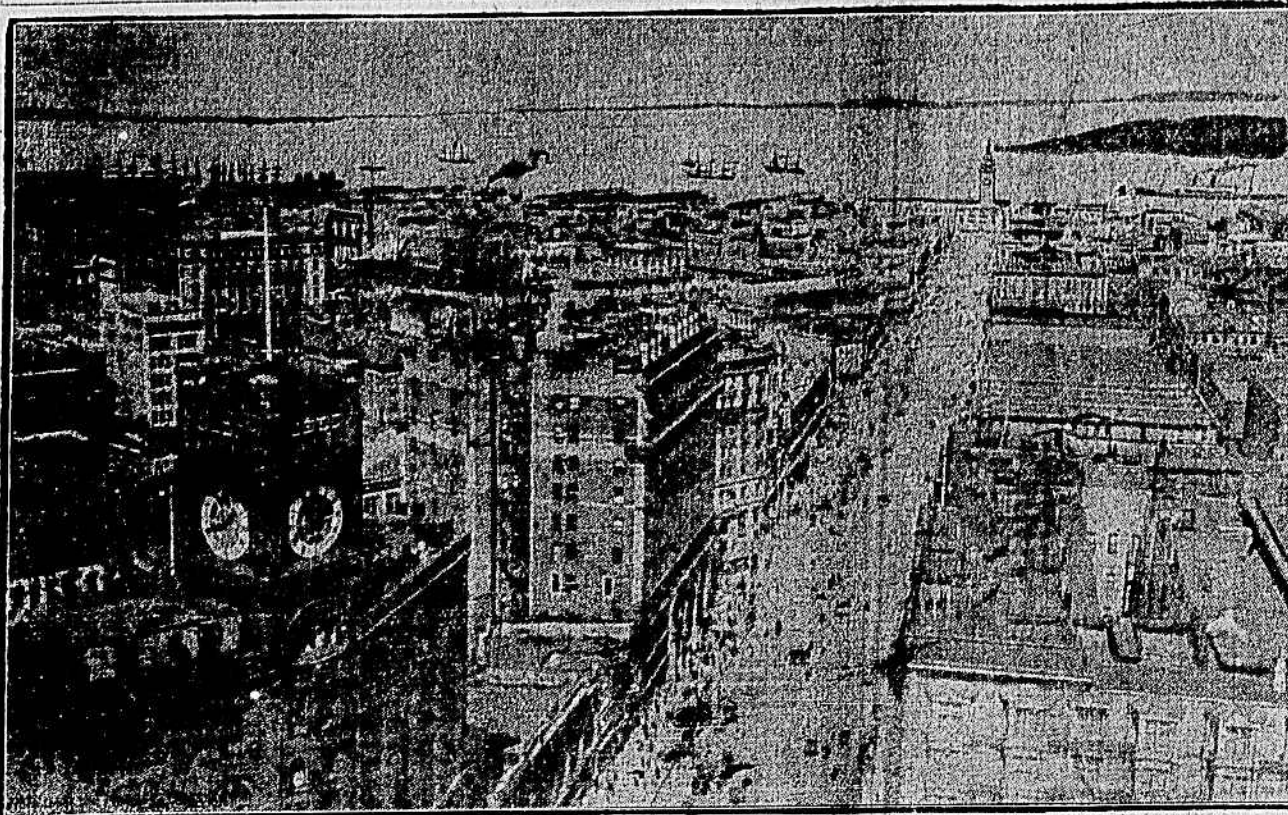
Citizens Committee.

After the meeting adjourned Mayor McCarthy announced the following committee:

Carlton McCarthy, mayor, chairman. Henry Lee Valentine, acting chairman, P. O. Box 247. Wm. M. Hill, cashier State Bank, treasurer. (Remittances should be made direct to the treasurer.) John P. Branch, James R. Gordon, T. C. Williams, Jr., Gustavus Millhiser, James N. Boyd, Judge L. L. Lewis, John S. Munce, Marx Gunst, O. A. Hawkins, Jr., John Stewart Bryan, O. A. Hawkins, Thos. G. McAdams, D. S. Hume, B. L. Hawes, C. V. Meredith, Emanuel Raab, H. L. Cabell, Dr. Stuart McGuire, Wm. M. Hill, Henry S. Hutzler, John M. Ryall, Geo. W. Stearns, John L. Miller, Belden Taylor, L. O. Miller, J. W. Roberts, John Murphy, Alfred B. Williams, C. B. Collier, T. A. Miller, Carl Boehlen, Charles Hutzler, Langhorne M. Williams, Fritz Stierling, Wm. Ruess, W. D. Duke, Judge Edmund Waddell, Dr. McGuire, John L. Miller, John C. Hagan, General Chas. J. Anderson, Robert Lecky, Jr., W. S. Forbes, J. M. Pouroumian, H. A. Gillis, J. Marcone, Colonel Geo. Wayne Anderson, Dr. Geo. Ben Johnston, Robert G. Leigh, Jr., J. Scott Farrah.

Virginians There.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Two Virginia officers are serving with the regular troops who are engaged in maintaining order and relieving the miseries of the people in San Francisco. They are First Lieutenant John J. Dewitt and First Lieutenant Arthur M. Shipps, both of the Twentieth Infantry, First Lieutenant J. W. Gulch, of North Carolina, is in the Twenty-fourth Coast Artillery, which is also at San Francisco.



MARKET STREET, main artery of the city of San Francisco, looking from Third Street to the Ferry Building and the bay.

RUSHING AID TO STRICKEN PEOPLE

National Government, Cities, Organizations and Individuals. Make Hasty Response.

SECRETARY METCALF TO GO

Offers of Assistance From Abroad Declined By President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Every branch of the government service from the President down is bending every effort to bring to the earthquake sufferers speedy relief. The Cabinet today considered the San Francisco situation and it was decided that Secretary Metcalf should proceed to that city as the representative of the national government and to consult with the authorities as to what is needed to alleviate distress. Every available vessel in the vicinity of San Francisco, whether it belong to the navy, army, revenue cutter service, fish commission, or lighthouse service, has been directed to carry supplies of every description to the stricken city of San Francisco and render other assistance, while officers of the army or the Pacific coast and elsewhere have been given imperative instructions to ship (ens, rations, medical and other relief supplies.

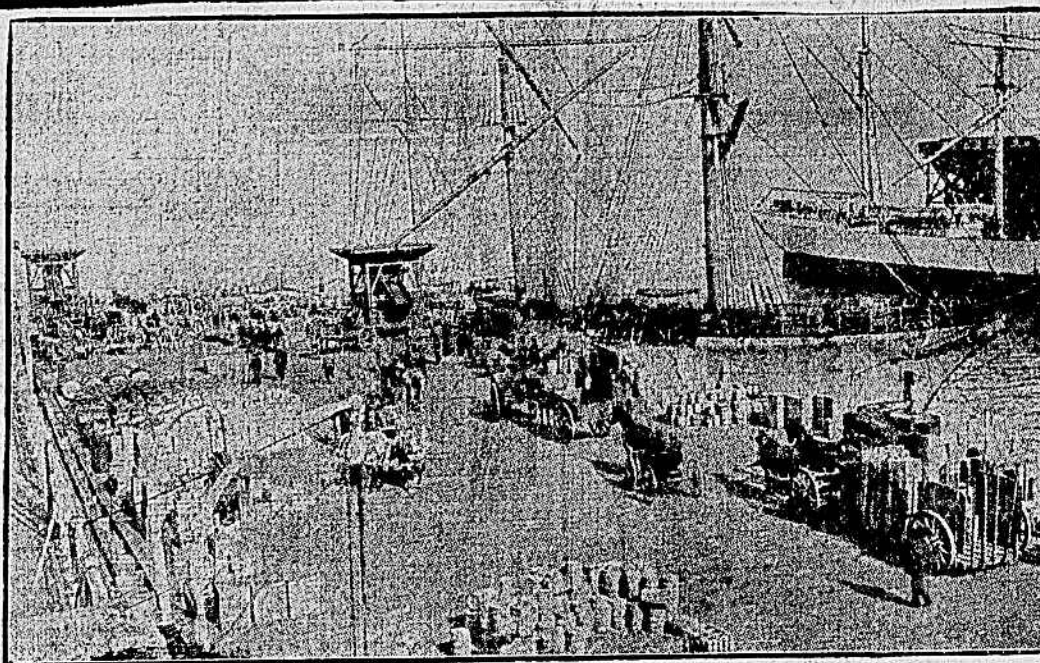
Offers of assistance from abroad have been very gratifying to the President, but he feels the United States is able to care for the San Francisco sufferers, and contributions from foreign countries will be declined. Mr. Ballin, of the Hamburg-American Line, offered \$25,000 for the California sufferers. The contribution was declined with an expression of the President's appreciation of the offer.

Additional Appropriation.

The question of an additional appropriation to meet the expense of the work of the government in rushing supplies to San Francisco and alleviating distress in that quarter will be brought to the attention of Congress tomorrow. It was announced to-night that the War Department has forwarded to San Francisco 1,000,000 rations (dry rations) some of which has already arrived there and most of which is due there to-night; tentage for 184,000 people; 100,000 blankets; a large number of stoves, about 8,000 cots, and the supplies already ordered will reach an aggregate value of approximately \$1,200,000.

There are many different trains with an official in charge of each, on the way. President Roosevelt to-day sent a check

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DOCK SCENE IN SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE TOLL SHIPS BROUGHT THEIR PRODUCE FROM EVERY CLIME.

GOVERNOR SWANSON ISSUES STIRRING APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA

Governor Claude A. Swanson last night issued the subjoined appeal to the people of Virginia calling upon every city, town, village and county, as well as all churches and fraternal organizations in the State to collect funds for the San Francisco victims.

The Governor has arranged so that his message will be sent this morning to every office on the lines of the Western Union and Postal telegraph and delivered to all prominent State, city and county officials, as well as ministers and officers of fraternal bodies.

The appeal is as follows:

Commonwealth of Virginia, Governor's Office, Richmond, Va., April 20, 1906.

To the People of Virginia: An appalling disaster has befallen our fellow-citizens of San Francisco.

One of the most beautiful and prosperous cities of our country has been absolutely destroyed, and 300,000 of her people are homeless and destitute of the means of subsistence.

Never before in our history has there been a greater demand upon our sympathy or a greater necessity for immediate and substantial aid to the suffering.

I feel that the people of Virginia will be glad to express their sympathy by making contributions to alleviate the present frightful distress of our fellow-countrymen.

Therefore, as Governor of this State, I do earnestly request that the people of all the cities, towns, villages and counties of Virginia, either in mass meeting or by private subscription, will make such contributions as they are able to the relief of these afflicted people.

I do further earnestly request that the people at their several places of worship on Sunday next or at their earliest meeting, and that all fraternal orders likewise, will make collections for this purpose. Let each give as his conscience may direct, or his means justify.

The earlier these collections are made the better. The necessities of these people are urgent and immediate.

Let each community, organization or person send funds direct to the Mayor of San Francisco or to the committee herein named.

I appoint as a committee to receive any contributions that may be made in pursuance of this request—John P. Branch, John B. Parcell, Joseph Bryan, L. Z. Morris and James N. Boyd—all of Richmond, Va., to either one of whom remittances may be made.

Virginia has been peculiarly blessed, and I hope that in the days of her prosperity she will generously aid those in misfortune.

Very respectfully,
CLAUDE A. SWANSON, Governor.

SHAW-ASTOR WEDDING TAKES PLACE TO-DAY

Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw and Mr. William Waldorf Astor will be married this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Portland Place Church, in London.

The announcement made Thursday by The Times-Dispatch that the marriage would take place on that day was premature on account of a mistake in a cable dispatch. The announcement made this morning is no cry of "wolf," but is authorized by the family of the bride, and Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw will have

as her attendants her sisters, Mrs. T. Moncreux Perkins, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson and Mrs. Reginald Brooks, as well as her brothers-in-law, Mr. Charles Dana Gibson, who will give her away, in the absence of her father, and Mr. Reginald Brooks.

There will be present at the church Mr. Astor, of Haver Castle; Lieutenant Astor, of the Guards; Captain and Mrs. Spender Clay and Mrs. Astor, of New York.

The groom's father, and later will visit America, where they will spend July and August in Virginia and Newport.

ROAD AND OFFICIALS GUILTY; PAY BIG SUMS

CHICAGO, April 20.—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, Darius Miller and Claude G. Burnham, officials of the road, were found guilty to-day in the Federal Court of granting rebates in violation of the law. The railroad corporation was fined \$4500 and the two officials \$10,000 each.

Counsel for the defendants admitted a technical violation of the law and the case went at once to the jury.

The fine was paid at once, the defendants going to the office of United States Marshal Ames, where a check was made out for the full amount of the three fines.

Union Ferry Depot, Only Means of Egress From City, in Danger---High Wind Blows.

THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS; PEOPLE FACE STARVATION

All Money In Wrecked Banks Safe—Men Buried In Debris Taken Out Alive After Three Days—Suffering and Devastation Indescribable.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Plunged into absolute darkness to-night at 10 o'clock, San Francisco had not seen the conclusion of the devastating work of the conflagration that followed the earthquake of Wednesday morning. The fire that started at Nob Hill and worked its way to the North Beach, sweeping that quarter clean of buildings, later veered around before a fierce wind and made its way southerly to the immense sea wall sheds and grain warehouses.

The flames were heading directly for the immense ferry building, the terminal point by ferry-boat of all overland and local trains of the Southern Pacific road.

TERROR OF NIGHT.

The wind, which at times amounted to a gale, and darkness added fresh terrors to the situation. The authorities considered conditions so grave that it was decided to swear in immediately 1,000 special policemen, armed with rifles furnished by the Federal Government. In addition to this force, companies of the National Guard arrived from many interior points.

It was reported to-night that thirty-five white men had been shot and killed while attempting to work their way into the ruins of the United States sub-treasury on Commercial Street. The Chinese were shot and killed on Market Street for refusing to obey orders of the soldiery.

Reports of babes born in the refugee camps were frequently received. Five babies were born in Golden Gate Park.

To-night the main remaining fire was confined to the east of Van Ness Avenue and north of Union Street, but burning its way to the shore.

WHISKEY DESTROYED.

Later this afternoon the police broke open every saloon and corner grocery in the saved districts and poured all malt and spirituous liquors into the gutters.

At 7 o'clock to-night a fire was raging over fifty acres of the water front lying between Bay Street and the end of Meiggs and Fishermen's Wharf. To the eastward it extended down to the sea wall, but had not reached the piers which lie a quarter of a mile toward the east.

9 P. M.—A wind of high velocity is blowing from the north-west over the fire-stricken districts to-night, along the water front and is threatening to cut off communication with Oakland and Berkeley. General Kaster has ordered out a squadron of men to endeavor to keep back the flames which threaten the Union Ferry Depot, the only means of egress from the city. The water front emergency hospital is endangered and the officials in charge are prepared to move from their quarters.

The wind is of such velocity that brick and granite walls, weakened by the earthquake and the subsequent fire, are falling into the streets. Market Street, the principal avenue of escape from the city to the ferry building, may be blocked, thus shutting off the only ready means of escape to the ferries.

At a meeting of bankers in Oakland this morning, Mr. Lynch of the First National Bank, reported that a committee had examined all the banks and safe deposit vaults in San Francisco and found them all intact. This makes it certain that the money and papers on deposit are all safe. It was also reported that the books and records in the San Francisco Hall of Records also escaped serious injury.

Late Government Reports Tell of New Outbreak of Fire

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The War Department to-night received the following Western Union telegram from San Francisco:

"There has been no renewal of the fire west of Octavia Street or south of Market Street, but it is not under control at the water front, and it is creeping toward the ferry-house from which this information is sent. However, not much alarm is felt that it will reach the ferry building, even if it reaches the steamer freight sheds on the north."

This telegram was received at the War Department at 9 P. M. to-night.

A dispatch from the chief operator of the Western Union at San Francisco, received at the War Department earlier to-night says:

"Now reported at 3 o'clock, San Francisco time, that the fire has broken out in the wharves north of Market Street and it is feared that unless soon checked it may reach the Oakland ferry building, where Western Union is established. Fire practically under control in the western addition and prom-